Dear Mr. Austin,

Please excuse the haste of this note and that I do not phone you. I just can't afford to, much as I'd like to discuss the purposes of this ~~lex~~ letter.

I'll be going to Memphis this coming Tuesday night, to be there for the hearings on whether the local court will grant an evidentiary hearing to determine whether or not Ray will be granted a trial. The hearing is scheduled for Friday the 26th, and I'd like to look around a bit and speak to a few people. Among these are Rev. Kyles. As I told you, he did not answer my letter.

Never having been to Memphis, I could use some help, if you think any of your people there would be willing to help. The most obvious would be to shepherd me around. Another could be to take me to people who might have something to say. It might be better is I were not alone, too, as the enclosed review (pre-publication) in Publisher's Weekly may suggest.

I have a reservation at the Albert Pick Motel.

As yet, I have not received any copies of the book. It is still in manufacture.

After our conversation, I conveyed your suggestions about Black Scholar and Black World to the publishers. I presume ti is their preoccupation trying to place so unpopular a subject with the more remunerative magazines that accounts for their silence. I also wrote Stein, who phoned me. We had an interesting conversation, But I've not heard from him since.

My book is done. I seek nothing for myself. But for them, with the effort to get and the possibility of a trial, I so hope some of your people will turn on! (All work is volunteer and there are not even simple expenses funds available.) I fear that the pain they fear will be nothing to that they'll later feel unless they do. And I so very much regret that this has to be an all-white effort. In some ways that is the worst part.

Anyway, if there is ome bright young person who might be able to take me around, I'd appreciate it very much. If it is a woman, if anyone can or will, I supposed we'd better figure on ending that before dark.

Thanks very much for anything you can do. And if you could tell Rev. Kyles that from speaking to me you feel fairly certain that I have only one head and no horns on that, that, too, might help. I plan to phone him when I get there. I've no time to write. I've just returned from Washington where I filed 110 pages of legal argument (Im <u>not</u> a lawyer) plus 28 exhibits in my current effort to fight the government on its suppressions of official evidence in these political assassinations. I had this to research and prepare in a month, and had to turn it in unread to meet the deadline. So, I'm very tired and things stacked uo in that time.

Hope you are well. Whether or not you can do anything, thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg